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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim ~~1~~10, wherein the impeller outer wall is welded to the end cover.

4-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The assembly of claim 1,~~ A torque converter assembly, comprising:

_____ a clutch portion;

_____ an end cover at a first axial end of the assembly that does not extend beyond a plane of the clutch;

_____ a turbine portion on an opposite side of the clutch from the end cover; and

_____ an impeller portion having an outer wall that begins near a second axial end of the assembly and extends beyond the plane of the clutch, an end portion of the outer wall being secured to the end cover, wherein the end cover includes a radially extending portion near an outward edge of the end cover, the radially extending portion extending beyond an outside dimension of the impeller portion outer wall and providing a surface for securing-connecting another driveline component to the end cover.

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11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim ~~10~~, wherein the end cover includes a strengthening ring that is received at least partially within the impeller portion adjacent the outer wall end portion.

13-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim ~~14~~22, wherein the outer wall portion is welded to the end cover.

16-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) ~~The housing of claim 14, A torque converter housing,~~
comprising:

a generally plate-like end cover having an outward portion that extends in a radial direction but not in an axial direction; and

an impeller outer wall having a portion that extends axially toward the end cover outward portion and is secured to the outward portion, wherein the end cover has a radially extending flange near an edge of the outward portion that extends beyond an outside dimension of the impeller outer wall and provides a surface for connecting another driveline component to the end cover.

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23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim ~~14~~22, including a separate pilot member that is welded to the end cover.

25. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim ~~14~~22, wherein the end cover includes a strengthening ring that is received at least partially within the impeller portion adjacent the portion of the outer wall and secured to the outward portion.

26-30. (Cancelled)

31. (New) The assembly of claim 10, wherein the radially extending portion supports a plurality of connecting members that facilitate fixedly connecting the end cover to the driveline component.

32. (New) The assembly of claim 10, wherein the driveline component comprises a flywheel.

33. (New) The housing of claim 22, wherein the radially extending flange supports a plurality of connecting members that facilitate connecting the end cover to the driveline components.

34. (New) The housing of claim 22, wherein the driveline component comprises a flywheel.